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Dear Parent

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that our Year 11 pupils have risen to the challenge and achieved some excellent examination results. Once again these are the best overall examination results that the school has ever achieved. 60% achieved 5+ A*-C grades, 12% above their target and a 6% improvement on last year. I am also very pleased to be able to report to you that 100% of our Year 11 pupils left our school this summer having achieved at least one formal qualification. I would like to congratulate all our young people and wish them every success in their chosen pathway whether that is in further education and training or in their chosen career and to ask them to keep in touch with us. We are always pleased to see former pupils and to know of their successes in the future.

School starts for Years 7 and 11 on Friday 4th September. Year 7 should arrive at school at the normal time of 8.40 am and go straight to the Assembly Hall. Year 11 have individual Review Day appointments, generally with their tutor. The appointment times have been sent to you separately at the end of last term. If you have mislaid the letter and wish to find out the time of your appointment, please telephone the school. It would be most beneficial to you, as parents, and to your child if you can attend the appointment with your child, particularly as this will be your child's last year in school. However, if you cannot attend your child **must** attend; this is the first day of their school year and does count towards their overall attendance for the coming year.

Years 8, 9 & 10 return on Monday 7th September at 8.40am. It is essential that all pupils return to school punctually and in correct full school uniform. Please refer to the leaflet "Maintaining High Standards & Raising Aspirations" which I sent to you at the beginning of the holidays. Pupils should also make sure that they have the right "tools" to do the job: a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber etc. in a bag suitable for school and one which will also allow them to take work home.

As always most of our pupils live up to our and your expectations each day and I am proud to have them as pupils at Collegiate High. However a few do let us down and I would ask that you, as parents, always ensure that they do the right thing and for your support to enforce our school policies. I am enclosing a copy of our Home School Agreement for you to sign and return to school. This agreement, as outlined in the recent Government White Paper "Your child, your schools, our future: building a 21st century schools system" is a statutory document which you are required to sign annually. A copy of this agreement along with the school's behaviour policy, other policies and information is available on the school website www.collegiateweb.co.uk. From September, copies of all letters sent to you will also be available on the website.

We are as prepared as we can be for the possibility of a further outbreak of Swine Flu during the coming months. In order to ensure high levels of hygiene one set of toilets for the girls and one for the boys will be supervised throughout the day and will have soap dispensers. Please remind all pupils that they should wash their hands thoroughly. Anti

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bacterial wipes will also be available from Pupil Reception, the toilet supervisors and members of staff. Boxes of tissues will be placed in each classroom. Please remind pupils to follow the guidance: "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".

As always I am looking forward to the start of the new school year, to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils for their first year and also our returning pupils. I hope this will be a successful, interesting and rewarding year at school, one where each child will make the most of all the opportunities that are available to them and that their lives will be enriched by the experience. For this to happen please make sure that your child attends every day, on time, throughout the year: **Attendance Matters - Every Lesson Counts.**

I look forward to your continued support and to seeing you throughout the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Gillian W Fennel
Headteacher